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Welcome to Issue 33 of the European Development Programme newsletter. Please continue to send us press releases, reports on events or details of forthcoming events for the diary at any time - we look forward to receiving your information soon!

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NEWS

Ireland take on Zimbabwe & South Africa



Following Scotland's recent successes in the NCL, it was Ireland's turn to taste success on 13 June, as they inflicted a crushing ten-wicket defeat on a dishevelled Zimbabwe side at the Civil Service ground at Stormont. The Irish bowlers made an impressive start,

with Paul Mooney and Gary Neely reducing Zimbabwe to 12 for 3. Dion Ebrahim (52) and Stuart Matsikenyeri (50) engineered a recovery of sorts, but Zimbabwe's eventual total of 182 was never going to be enough. In reply, Irish captain Jason Molins led from the front with 107 not out from 101 balls, including 14 fours and two sixes, assisted by Jeremy

Bray (67 not out). Eight Zimbabwean bowlers, including the three who played in the last Test against England, failed to make a breakthrough, and Ireland romped home to their first victory over a touring team since 1969, when they famously defeated the West Indies.



For the full story, [click here](#).

Photos © Barry Chambers: left, Kyle McCallan bowling at Zimbabwe; right Dom Joyce batting against South Africa

ECC AGM

The ECC AGM on 18 June rounded off a year, which has seen record activity in all areas of development. All but 3 member countries were represented at the meeting, where various issues were discussed and the following outcomes agreed:

- Winner only from 2003 ECC Notts Sport® Trophy to qualify for 2004 European Championships B Division
- Proposed qualification structure for 2007 Cricket World Cup accepted: Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands, Scotland pre-qualify for 2005 ICC Trophy; winner of 2004 European Championships B Division qualifies for World Cup Qualifying Series Division 3 tournament
- Tim Lamb to continue representing Europe on ICC Development Committee (John Wright as deputy)
- Ken Sainsbury (AEC) to represent European Affiliates at ICC Associates' Meeting in 2004
- Member country representatives on the ECC Executive Committee for 2003/4:

Ireland & Scotland: John Wright (ICU)

Denmark & the Netherlands: Alex de la Mar (KNCB)

France, Germany, Gibraltar, Israel & Italy: Brian Fell (DCB), Ian Wood (GCA)

Affiliates: Ken Farmiloe (BCF), George Poulimenos (HCF), Andrew Armitage (FCA)

The previous day's ICC Associates Meeting had approved the following:

- René van Iershot (KNCB) elected as Associate representative on ICC Executive Board
- Stanley Perlman (ICA) elected as Associate representative on ICC Cricket Committee Management
- Roland Lefebvre (KNCB) elected as Associate representative on ICC Cricket Committee Playing

- Revised proposals for 2007 World Cup qualification structure accepted
- Recommendation to CCM that Associate players be available for selection by a Full Member at U19 or senior level without first having to observe a 4-year stand-down period. Such players would, as a result, be able to continue playing for their Associate country without rendering themselves ineligible for possible selection by a Full Member
- Recommendation that the 6 elected members on the ICC Committees review the constitution of the ICC and report to the council on any suggested amendments at next years meeting
- Council decided in favour of Project USA on condition that World Cup 2007 is a 16 team tournament

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two European youngsters will be coming to Lord's to train with the MCC Young Cricketers this summer. Lucas Bush, a leg-spinning all rounder

from Luxembourg will be at Lord's from 6-20 July. He will be followed by Kevin O'Brien, an all rounder from Ireland who will be at Lord's from 3-24 August

COACHING & UMPIRING

Dave Gelling in Austria



A recent visit to Vienna during the build up to the opening ceremony of the new Concordia ground gave me an opportunity to meet and coach an interesting mixture of colts and adults from the region. Two new Vienna-based clubs, Sri Lanka CC and Pakistan UCC, held evening training/net sessions at the new ground and I joined both groups

of players for practice and a discussion on their progress. On the second morning Vladimir Chudacik travelled from Slovakia for a morning session and an opportunity to find out more about the future plans for the region's development. In the afternoon there was a great reception from the adjacent junior school to visit the new ground during their sports day. Under the guidance of Siva Nadarajah, the Austrian colts (all of whom had attended recent Introductory/Level I coaching courses) demonstrated the skills of cricket and gave the boys and girls the opportunity to have a go at Kwik Cricket.

For the full story, [click here](#).

Bordes & Defez Show Hits South-East



As part of the new developments within France Cricket, the South-East region hosted the presence of the two French youth coaches,

David Bordes and Jean-François Defez, at the end of January and then again nine weeks later at the end of March. Appointed by France Cricket, as a full-time

'agent de développement' to help promote cricket throughout France, David Bordes, the country's first ECB level 3 coach, is also responsible in Paris for administrative coordination at the headquarters of the FFBS (the national federation of bat sports - baseball, softball & cricket), while Jean-François Defez, an ECB level 2 coach (one of only four in France) has, for four years, been a full-time development coach for bat sports in the département of the Aisne in North-Eastern France - the only such post existing in the country.

For the full story, [click here](#).

Umpire Assessments in Vienna

European Development Program Umpire Consultant Graham Cooper paid his second visit of the year to Vienna over the weekend 6-9 June. Having run the ECC Introductory Umpires Course and Exam in March, this visit was to perform 'on-field' assessments on 3 of the umpires who had attended that weekend. The assessments were carried out at Open League matches in Vienna - ACC vs Vienna CC at Concordia on the Saturday and Lords CC vs Pakistan Falken CC at Seebarn on the Sunday. With

temperatures in the high 90's Graham was extremely pleased not to be out in the middle for 100 overs, although walking the boundary and keeping a close watch on the umpires was still fairly tiring. For the full story, [click here](#).

Ireland: Coaching in Munster

Following the six day visit to Cork last March to deliver a ECB Level 1 coaching course, Munster cricket was given an added boost by the recent day long visit of



LCU Development Officer Brian O'Rourke. Brian

spent his time coaching the various youth squads both at The Mardyke cricket grounds and the new Mardyke arena where two new cricket nets have been installed. The U11's group were introduced to a variety of ball skills and games while the U13's and 15's concentrated their efforts within the nets. Both the 13's and 15's sides have been selected for the interprovincial series being held in Dublin and Belfast during the first week in July. For the first time in Munster cricket players were asked to attend a series of trials in order to select a final panel of 12 players for each squad. For the full story, [click here](#).

Ralph Dellor in Norway



The Norwegians are taking the forthcoming ECC Notts Sport® Trophy seriously. After going to Malta for a pre-season training camp, the national team entertained the SSM club from Lahore for two

matches over the weekend of 21st and 22nd June. The strength of the opposition was not quite that advertised in advance but, nevertheless, provided good tests for the emerging Norwegians. EDP coach Ralph Dellor, who is helping Norway with their preparations for the tournament in Vienna in August, was able to put in some more work with the team and highlight some deficiencies that need to be addressed before Norway can fulfil their undoubted potential. For the full story, [click here](#).

Austrian National Squad prepares for ECC Notts Sport® Trophy

Gary Palmer reports

This was the most encouraging coaching visit to date in Austria. We had a coaching weekend for the National Squad on Saturday and a match between the squad and fringe players on Sunday. The top 8 squad players batted against the top bowlers. The attendance was very good, with 18 players on Saturday and 24 on the Sunday. The sessions were of high intensity and the input from all players in the

national squad was exceptional. The standard of cricketers in the national squad in its back up players is the highest it has ever been. There is a lot of competition for places and the players are hungry to get in the national squad for the ECC Notts Sport® Trophy. The most encouraging thing of all is the overall standard of the young players.

For the full story, [click here](#).

ACU&S Successes

Congratulations to the Finnish Cricket Association, which now has 2 new ACU&S Overseas qualified umpires in David Scamans and Sanjeev Kad, and to

France's South East region, which has 9 new ACU&S Level I umpires.

EVENTS FROM THE REGION

Danish 40 Overs Cup Final – It's a Close One!

Danish cricket fans were biting their nails when the DCF's 40 overs cup final came down to the last ball. Nørrebro (Copenhagen) took on Skanderborg (Jutland) at Svanholm Park on the matting pitch. Nørrebro batted first and made 188 for 6 off their 40 overs (Asad Javed 106 not out). Skanderborg, in reply, managed to match the run rate throughout, eventually finding themselves on 182 for 9 at the start of the final over. Having made 6 runs off 5 balls, with everything hanging on the last ball of the match and all the Nørrebro fielders in close, Tariq clean

bowled Thomas Nielsen who lost his head trying to hit it over the top. 188 for 6 against 188 all out - Nørrebro had clinched it.



Day/Nighter in Germany

Tegernsee's Peter Stiff reports



Sunday 8 June saw Tegernsee CC take on Munich CC in Germany's first day night game at 'The Point', Tegernsee. Tegernsee CC is a club formed by teacher

Wolfgang Albert and based, mainly, on the talents of children from the local grammar school along with a few enthusiastic 'ausländer'. Tegernsee's ground must rate as one of Europe's most beautiful, situated as it is by lake Tegernsee, 700 metres high in the German Alps. The local brew-house, arguably Bavaria's most famous, also stays blurrily in the memory of most guests. The game was split into two innings of 20 overs, the first played in daylight and the second in the twilight/night.

For the full story, [click here](#).

Bonn inaugurates New Pitch

Nigel Keen reports



North-Rhine-Westphalia Cricket Union, and financed a new NottsSport pitch in the old Capital city of Bonn, which boasts two cricket clubs. For

As part of the European Development Program's support for development in Germany, the programme granted the request of the

nearly twenty years all teams in NRW have been playing on provisional pitches or on the three pitches belonging to the British forces in Germany, the latter only being available on Sundays. With the formation of the NRWCU at the end of last year an ambitious programme has been undertaken and with the installation of the new Bonn pitch it has been possible to start a league with nine teams, friendly games and even practices during the week. The motivation of the all nine teams has increased enormously, and if we can get one more pitch we plan to take up to three more teams into the league.

For the full story, [click here](#).

Saumur Strays Make Dream Come True for Sir William Hoste CC

The Saumur Strays Cricket Club is a British team with its roots in France. The team meets just once a year in unusual or foreign locations not normally associated with cricket. A few months ago, team member Phil Batson learnt of the formation of the Sir William Hoste cricket club on Vis and contacted its captain, Oliver Roki. The Croatian team had said their dearest wish was to play against a British team, and with the help of the British Embassy in Zagreb, the Strays pulled out all the stops to

make the match happen. On a tour they arranged themselves, with just one day available, they took an overnight train and a dawn ferry to reach the island, arriving at midday on 20 June. A two-hour coaching session conducted by the touring side for local children was first on the agenda, followed by a twenty over match between the Strays and the Sir William Hoste CC, in which the Strays came out on top. For the full story, [click here](#).

Munich CC win Lodi 'Golden Duck'



Six teams - Munich, Winterthur, Prague, Ljubljana, Utrecht and Lodi - from six different countries - Germany, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Holland and Italy - were due to travel to the ground

of the Idle Cricket Club outside Lodi for the 7th annual "Golden Duck" 8 a-side tournament. Too good to be true? Alas, yes. A fortnight before the Utrecht Cricket Club pulled out. The gap was plugged by a volunteer team - the Mango Pickers (!) - put together by the Idle club members and all remained on course until the Friday afternoon, just a handful of hours before the start, when the Slovenes of Ljubljana sent an e-mail withdrawing also. Difficult in such circumstances to pull everything together and reshape the tournament. Bravo then to Paolo, Rob, Carlo, Vittorio, Gio, Tomi, and the others who worked so hard to make the tournament work. For the full story, [click here](#).

YOUNG CRICKETERS

Cabris CC Juniors in England

At the end of April, two of the most promising juniors from Cabris CC, France - Adrien Pomel and Balraj Jutla - were chosen by France Cricket to attend the EDP's 4-day youth coaching camp at Bradfield

College. To read Adrien's report in English, [click here](#), or for the original French version, [click here](#). And to read Balraj's report in English, [click here](#), or for the original French version, [click here](#).

Spanish U15s Soft Ball Cricket Competition 2003

Sunday 22 June was a lovely day for cricket at the Polideportivo de la Campana, in San Pedro de Alcantara. Eighty young cricketers turned up, entering 10 teams (6 boys & 4 girls) from the Provinces of Malaga and Cadiz and 2 teams from Gibraltar. The Sotogrande Girls took away the First Trophy of the day - "The Gregory Gomez Trophy" for The Best Turned Out Team at the opening parade. Then the action got under way. It was fast, it was furious, it was brilliant for both players and spectators alike. And what a standard of

sportsmanship, competitiveness and attitude, displayed by all the teams. It was something special to watch. In the end, Aloha College of Nueva Andalucia romped home winners in the Boys Final, just beating Bayside "Barbary" School of Gibraltar, in a hair-raiser. There was also much excitement, noise and support in the Girls Final match between The Sotogrande English International School and Aloha College, which Sotogrande eventually won by 3 Runs. What a Day!

ADMINISTRATION

Important!

2003 Tournament Administration

Please note that the special dispensation deadlines for all 2003 ECC tournaments has now passed. Everyone should be aware of the deadlines for squad registration (both preliminary and final) for each tournament, as these appear both on the squad registration forms themselves and on the tournament

deadlines document previously circulated to nominated contacts by Alison. All squad registration forms must be returned to Philip (philip.varghese@mcc.org.uk) while flight claim forms should continue to be returned to Alison (alison.smith@mcc.org.uk).

2004 Tournament Host Application Deadline

The deadline for host applications for the 2004 U13 and U17 2nd Division Championships and

Representative Festival is 1 August. Please contact Alison for an application form.

Free Downloads from Berlin CC!

Berlin CC have included a number of excellent downloadable items on their newly updated website, and hope that these will prove useful to their colleagues across Europe. The downloads include a pdf scoresheet, which Berlin CC have been using for the past year without a single complaint (no need to buy any more expensive scoring books!) and postcard-size umpire scorecards which can be

printed out onto card. Also available is a scorecard to html programme which allows people to enter their game scores and then press a button and receive a perfectly laid out scorecard for internet publishing. All for free - can't be bad! Visit www.berlincc.de and click on 'Downloads' to see for yourself.

DIARY OF EVENTS

11-13 July:	ECC U17-1 st Division Championships, Nykøbing Mors, Denmark
18-20 July:	ECC U13-1 st Division Championships, Copenhagen, Denmark
24 July - 2 Aug:	ICC European U19 World Cup Qualifier, Deventer, Netherlands
1-3 Aug:	ECC U15-1 st Division Championships, Dundee, Scotland
10-15 Aug:	ECC U15-2 nd Division Championships, St Astier, France
10-16 Aug:	ECC Notts Sport [®] Trophy, Vienna, Austria
12-14 Aug:	ECC A-Team Championships, Belfast, Ireland

Coaching & Umpiring Diary

18-20 July:	Elite coach visit, Spain:	Peter Birtwisle
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